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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Hideyuki MASUYAMA
Serial No. : 09/912,899
Filed : July 25, 2001
For : ELECTRONIC CAMERA FOR
MICROSCOPE
Art Unit : 2872
Examiner : J. C. Rowe

RESPONSE 37 C.F.R. 1.111

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This is responsive to the Office Action mailed May 5, 2003,
the shortened one-month term for response to which expires on
June 5, 2003.

ELECTION:

Applicant hereby elects Group II, claims 17 and 20, for
further prosecution on the merits, without traverse.

It is respectfully requested that prosecution on the merits
now proceed on the basis of the election set forth hereinabove.

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If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,



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